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## **Columbus Division of Police Announces Restructuring to Better Serve Needs of Community**

*Creation of 6<sup>th</sup> Police Zone will balance service needs across city*

COLUMBUS – The Columbus Division of Police is announcing plans for a restructured Police Zone map, which will help the Division better serve the needs of our growing city.

The City of Columbus is currently broken down into five police zones, each containing four precincts. This restructuring creates a sixth zone. Our goal is to balance calls for service more evenly across busy zones, and keep neighborhoods together within service areas.

“Adding a Zone 6 now will allow the Division to accomplish several important things,” said Police Chief Elaine Bryant. “One of the most significant is shifting precincts to ensure that our personnel are closer to the areas they serve. We hope this will not only decrease response times- but also allow our community to better know their patrol officers.”

This restructuring more evenly distributes workloads throughout patrol, for officers and supervisors. This will allow sergeants to better supervise and engage officers and the community.

“As the Division looks to the future, we need to prepare for having 24 precincts in the city,” said Bryant. “Adding a Zone 6 now will allow us to efficiently add precincts as necessary when resources become available.”

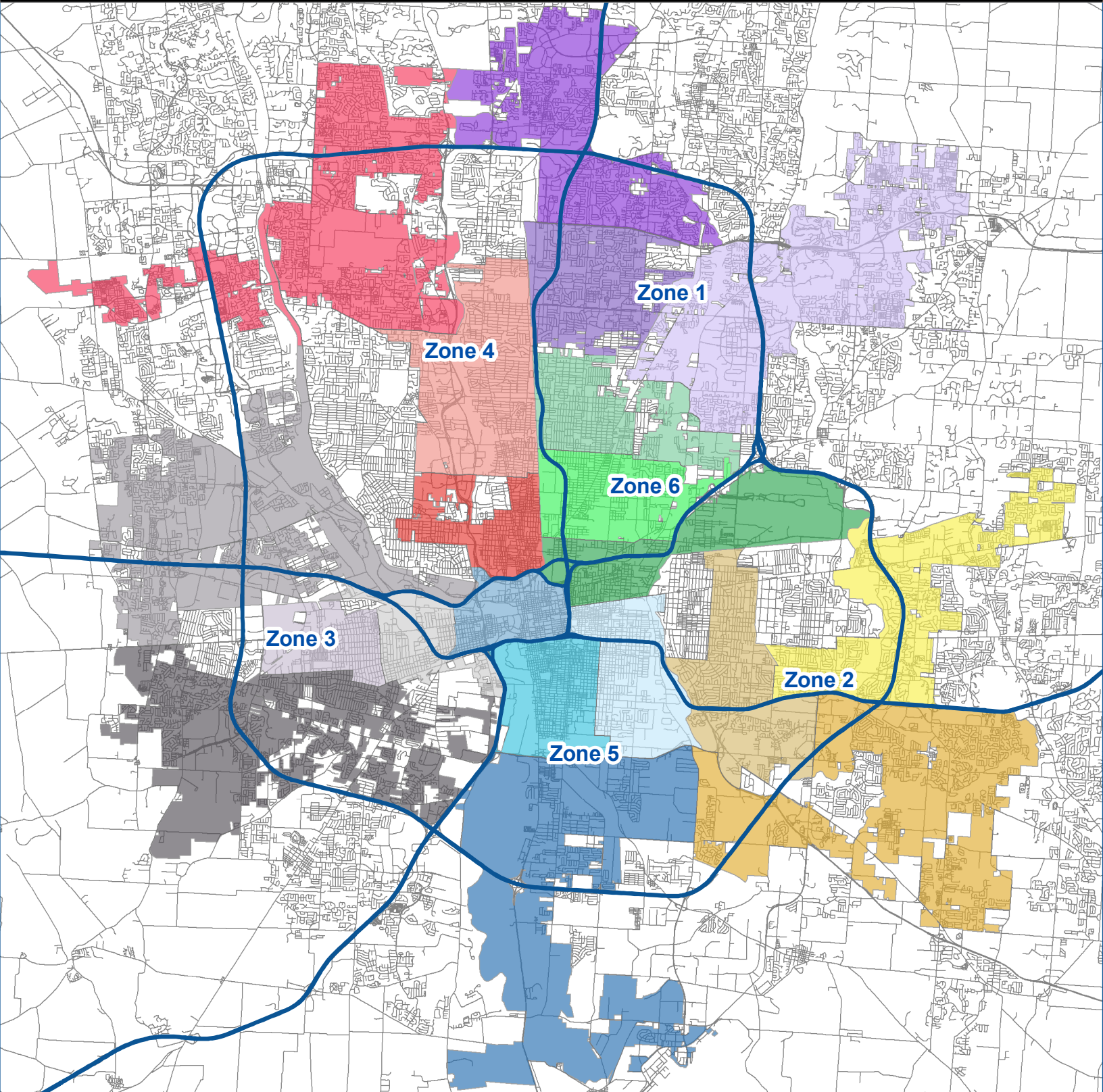
Zone 6 will now consist of:

- Precinct 2 which is currently on Zone 4 and covers north of E. Hudson Street and south of E. Cooke Road.
- Precinct 5 which is currently on Zone 4 and covers south of E. Hudson Street and north of E. 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue.
- Precinct 7 which is currently on Zone 5 which covers west of 270 E, north of E. Broad Street and south of E. 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

Zone 6 will become operational on April 30, 2023.

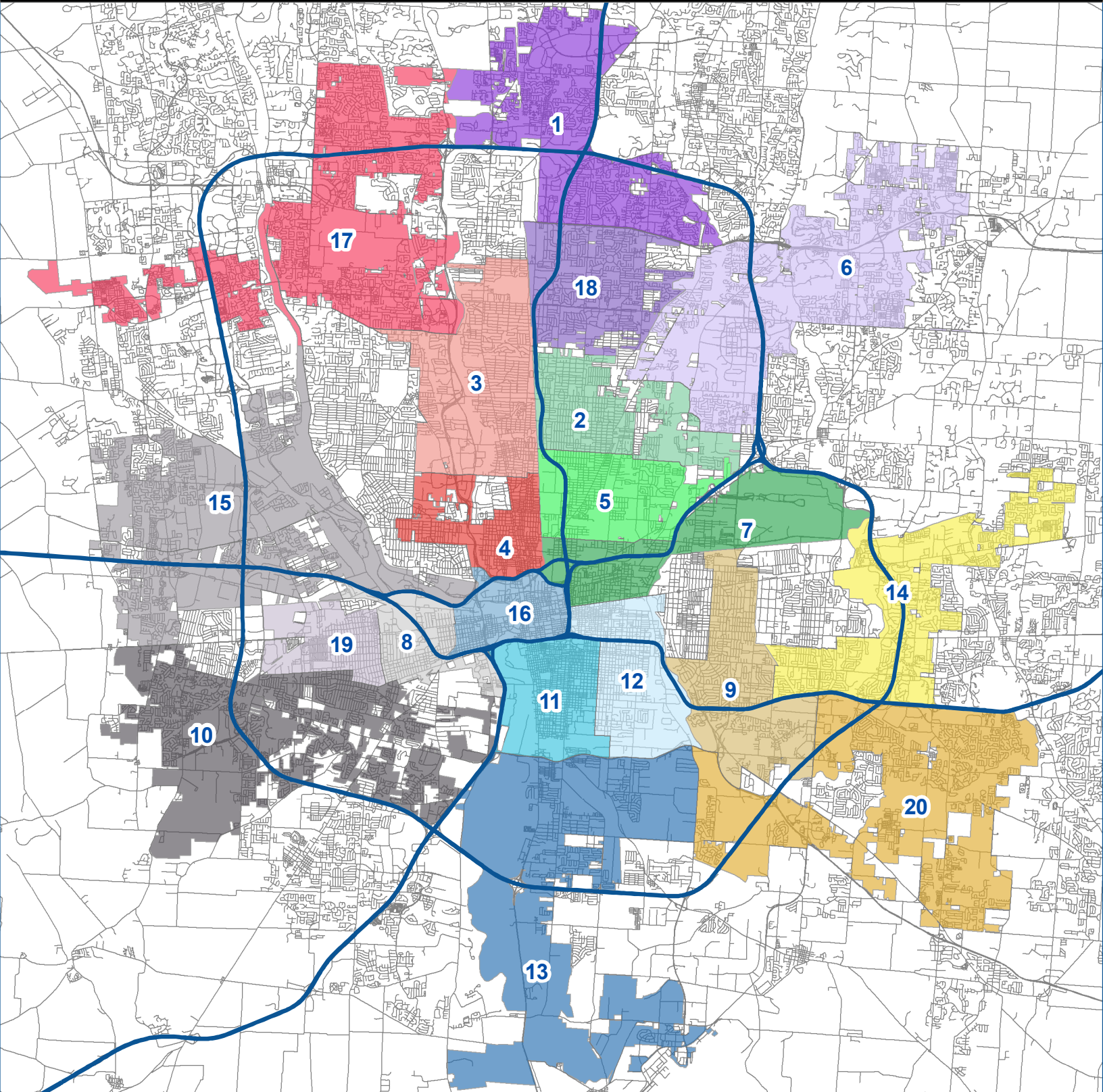
\*\*\* Interviews are available today from 12:30 – 2:30 p.m. if interested. \*\*\*

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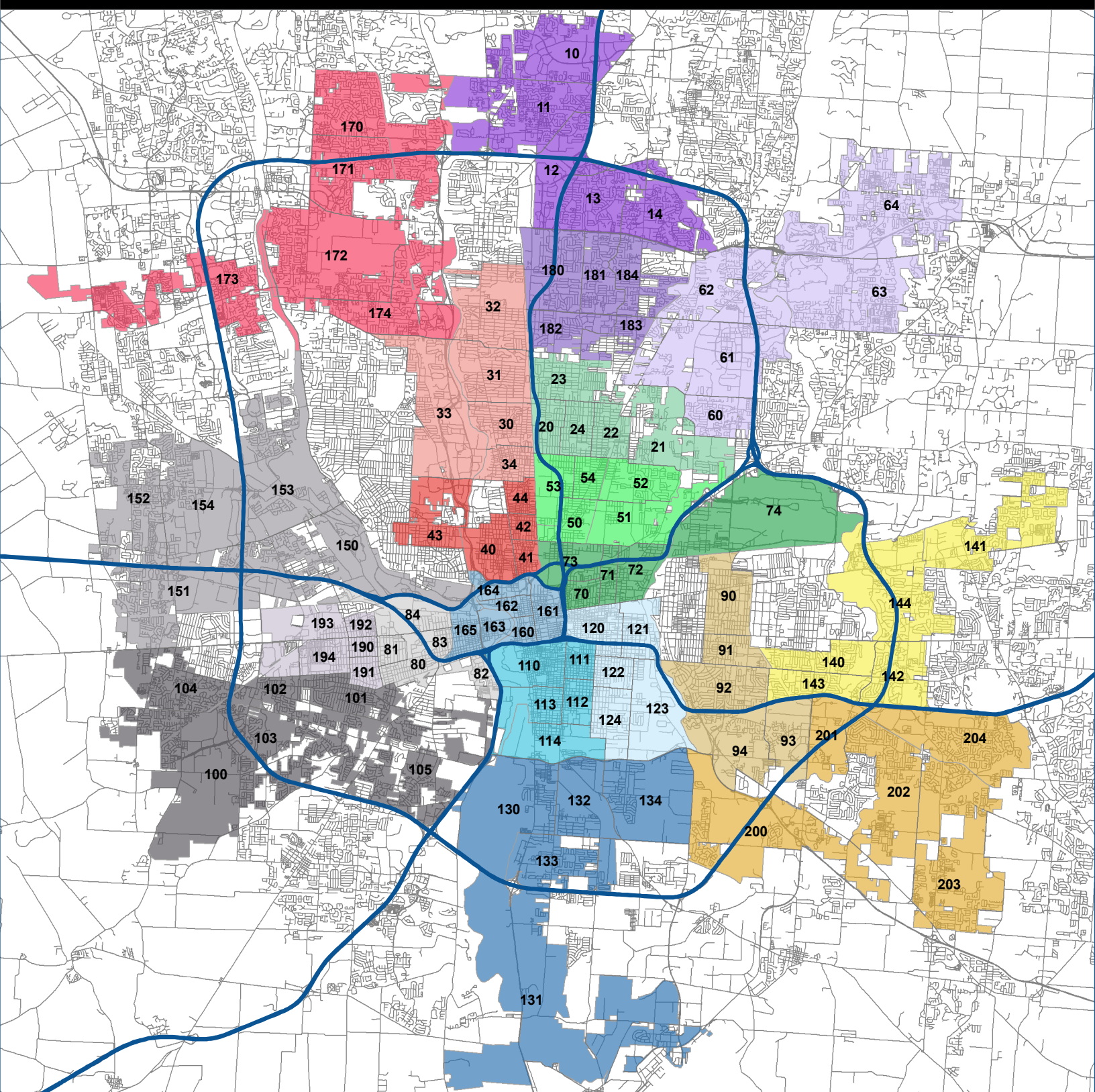


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